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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments filed January 5, 2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. On pages 3-4 applicant argues the prior art of record fails to disclose, suggest, or teach "means for requesting a user input based on a result of the determining means" as recited in Claim 1. It is noted Hashizume in paragraphs 0057-0061 describes the output images to the user wherein images and data providing output to the user to provide an input back into the system. Although, the applicant describes the log as presented by Hashizume it is understood by the examiner the log could provide data to the user that would provide an input back into the system. Therefore, the requesting of user input is being read on images or data provided by the system to the user. These images and data can provide the user the ability to respond to the events that are occurring. Although, all of applicant's points are understood the examiner can not agree and the rejection is maintained.

### ***Contact Information***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMIE JO ATALA whose telephone number is (571)272-7384. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm.

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